

When approaching railroad tracks: Be alert -

- For other vehicles that may be stopping before the RR crossing – school buses, commercial buses and trucks carrying hazardous materials must stop before every highway-rail crossing.
- For a train at any time – trains can come from either direction and an approaching train may be closer and traveling faster than it appears.
- If gates are down or warning lights are flashing, the road is closed. Stop and wait until the gates go up and the warning lights stop flashing.
- After a train passes, look both ways before proceeding. Always be certain tracks are clear before proceeding. Another train may be approaching on an adjacent track.
- Never start to cross the tracks unless you can clear the tracks completely. Make sure there is room for your vehicle on the other side of the tracks before proceeding.

H. Work Zone Safety

You are likely to encounter roadway work zones resulting from construction, maintenance, or utility work along major and secondary roadways.

Work Zones = Unexpected Conditions

- new traffic patterns;
- temporary traffic control devices;
- narrow lanes;
- lane shifts;
- lane and shoulder closures;
- pavement drop-offs/uneven surfaces;
- reduced sight distance;
- detours;
- slow moving equipment.



Orange is the standard color for work zone activity. If you see orange signs when driving, stay alert and be prepared for unexpected driving conditions ahead.

When traveling through a work zone, stay alert for temporary traffic control devices. These devices define the safe path through a work zone.

Work zones are set up with your safety in mind. Follow these safety rules while traveling in work zones:

- Stay alert – make safety your first priority;
- Watch your speed – obey posted speed limits and be aware that speed cameras may be in use and speeding fines may be much higher in work zones;
- Expect the unexpected – work zone conditions change constantly – be ready to react;
- Minimize distractions – avoid using cell phones, changing radio stations and other distractions;
- Pay close attention – obey work zone signs and watch for workers, pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Drive courteously – merge with caution, don't tailgate and don't change lanes unnecessarily;
- Respect the flagger – obey the flagger's directions.